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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS AND COMMENTARY PREPARED EACH DAY BY U.S. MISSION BERLIN. IT INCLUDES REPORTS FROM NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN WEST BERLIN AND FROM THE MAJOR EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS. MISSION BERLIN TRANSMITS THIS SUMMARY FOR THE SPECIAL USE OF EMBASSY BONN AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN ON A DAILY BASIS. IT IS NOT PART OF THE DAILY MEDIA REPORT SERIES WHICH IS PRODUCED BY EMBASSY BONN FOR ALL OF WEST GERMANY, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN.

REVIEW - WEST PRESS

FRENCH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S BERLIN VISIT YESTERDAY MAKES HEADLINES IN MOST WEST BERLIN PAPERS TODAY.

OTHER PROMINENT STORIES INCLUDE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER THATCHER OF ELECTIONS ON JUNE 11 (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); THE OPENING IN LYON, FRANCE, OF THE TRIAL OF KLAUS BARBIE, FORMER CHIEF OF HITLER'S GESTAPO IN LYON, WHO IS ACCUSED OF HAVING TORTURED AND KILLED JEWS AND RESISTANCE FIGHTERS IN FRANCE (BERLINER MORGENPOST, VOLKSBLATT); PRESIDENT REAGAN'S UNEXPECTED MEETING WITH FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WHO IS VISITING WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS INF DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL, BERLINER MORGENPOST); STATEMENTS IN BONN THAT THE FRG WILL EXAMINE POLAND'S DEMAND THAT WEST GERMANY MAKE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR FORCED LABOR IN POLAND DURING THE HITLER ERA (BERLINER MORGENPOST); THE ESCAPE OF A SOVIET SOLDIER ON SUNDAY TO BAVARIA, FROM WHERE HE INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. (DER TAGESSPIEGEL, BERLINER MORGENPOST); STRONG PROTESTS AGAINST AN FRG INTERIOR MINISTRY ORDER THAT ALL TRAVELLERS WHO MIGHT BE INFECTED WITH AIDS MUST UNDERGO AN AIDS TEST AT THE FRG BORDER (VOLKSBLATT); AND RUMORS IN BONN THAT SOVIET LEADER GORBACHEV WILL OFFER REUNIFICATION TO EAST AND WEST GERMANY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS (BILDZEITUNG).

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF:

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- "MITTERRAND MET WITH PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAECKER AT BELLEVUE PALACE" (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); "THE FRENCH PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES THE CITY OF BERLIN" (BERLINER MORGENPOST); AND "MITTERRAND PAYS TRIBUTE TO BERLIN AS A CITY OF DIALOGUE" (VOLKSBLATT) ARE HEADLINES OF WEST BERLIN PAPERS TODAY, REPORTING ON THE FRENCH PRESIDENT'S EIGHT-HOUR VISIT TO BERLIN YESTERDAY TO MARK THE 750TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY. IN A SPEECH AT SCHOENEBERG CITY HALL, THE PRESIDENT RECONFIRMED FRANCE'S COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN BERLIN AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GREATER BERLIN MAY BECOME THE CENTER OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, ACCOMPANIED BY FRG CHANCELLOR KOHL, MET WITH FRG PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAEKER AT HIS RESIDENCE, HERE. IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE HEAD OF STATE OF ONE OF THE PROTECTIVE POWERS MET WITH A GERMAN PRESIDENT AT HIS OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN.
- THE SOVIET TASS NEWS AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S VISIT TO BERLIN ACCUSED FRANCE OF VIOLATING THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, SAYING THAT "BERLIN IS NO CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND MUST SO REMAIN AND THE MEETING...CONSTITUTES A DELIBERATE VIOLATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY WHICH HAD ALLEVIATED TENSION IN EUROPE" (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).
- . TWO HOURS PRIOR TO THE TASS REPORT, EAST GERMANY'S ADN NEWS AGENCY HAD MERELY REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT IN WEST BERLIN (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).
- . AN AMERICAN SOLDIER AT CLAY HEADQUARTERS DIED ON SUNDAY, FOLLOWING A SHOT TO THE CHEST. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN BERLIN SAID THE SHOT WAS FIRED AT 19:30 AND THE VICTIM DIED 45 MINUTES LATER. FURTHER INFORMATION

WILL BE WITHHELD PENDING NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN. ONLY GUARDS AT CLAY HEADQUARTERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH LIVE AMUNITION (DER TAGESSPIEGEL, BZ, SFB TV'S "ABENDSCHAU" NEWSCAST LAST NIGHT).

. THE THREE CITY COMMANDANTS OF WEST BERLIN AND GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN WILL TODAY ATTEND A CEREMONY AT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 USBERLIN 01758

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TEMPELHOF AIRPORT'S AIR LIFT MEMORIAL, TO HONOR VICTIMS OF THE AIR LIFT AND TO MARK ITS END IN 1949. FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THIS YEAR'S AIR LIFT SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIVE WINNERS (MOST PAPERS).

- . AN EAST GERMAN'S ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE TO WEST BERLIN'S LUEBARS SUB-DISTRICT (REINICKENDORF) YESTERDAY MORNING APPARENTLY FAILED. LUEBARS RESIDENTS REPORTED THEY HEARD MACHINE GUN FIRE AT 1 AM AND GDR SOLDIERS CARRIED AWAY A BODY FROM THE DEATH STRIP (BERLINER MORGENPOST).
- . "BERLIN-USA SUCCESSFUL ALREADY IN ITS FIRST YEAR" IS THE TITLE OF A BERLINER MORGENPOST STORY ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN-USA INITIATIVE, ENDORSED BY THE SENAT AND THE U.S. MISSION.
- THE ALLIED AIR ATTACHES IN BONN HAVE ACCEPTED THE AMERICAN TWA AIRLINE'S REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO BEGIN SERVICE BETWEEN BERLIN AND BRUSSELS IN JULY (BERLINER MORGENPOST).
- JOURNALIST STEFAN REISNER ON BERLIN STATUS QUESTIONS.
 HE UNDERSCORES THAT ALTHOUGH IN RECENT WEEKS, ESPECIALLY YESTERDAY BY PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, WEST BERLIN'S TIES WITH THE FRG HAVE BEEN UNDERSCORED, TRAVELERS FLYING FROM THE FRG TO WEST BERLIN MUST SHOW THEIR ID CARDS TO FRG BORDER GUARDS. WEST GERMANS TRAVELLING TO FRANCE, HE SAYS, NORMALLY DO NOT SHOW PASSPORTS OR ID CARDS. HE ALSO UNDERSCORES THAT THE ALLIES IN WEST BERLIN ARE ENTITLED TO EXAMINE THE DATA COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL CENSUS AND THAT, SINCE THE FRG GOVERNMENT SAYS THE DATA ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, AN INCONSISTENCY EXISTS, WHICH REPRESENTS A STATUS PROBLEM.
- A FREE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT HAS REVEALED THAT THE BERLINERS' INTEREST IN GETTING A CABLE TV CONNECTION IS INCREASING. 35 OF THE BERLINERS WANT TO HAVE A CABLE TV CONNECTION, 39 WANT TO RECEIVE MORE TV PROGRAMS. IN THE FALL OF 1985, ONLY 22 OF THE BERLINERS SHOWED INTEREST IN CABLE TV, 32 WANTED MORE TV PROGRAMS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL, BERLINER MORGENPOST).

. SPD MEDIA EXPERT NORBERT MEISNER HAS CRITICIZED THE BERLIN CABLE TV/RADIO CENTER'S DECISION TO PERMIT THE SPRINGER NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING CONCERN TO USE THE SECOND NEW TERRESTRIAL RADIO FREQUENCY FOR COMMERCIAL STATIONS. THE SPRINGER CONCERN, MEISNER SAID, CAN NOW REACH ALL BERLIN LISTENERS WITH TV SHOWS (SAT 1 TV WILL BROADCAST ON A TERRESTRIAL TV FREQUENCY) AND THROUGH RADIO BROADCASTS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

. FOLLOWING A MEETING OF CDU CAUCUSES OF THE NORTH OF WEST GERMANY, CDU LEADERS CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT CHIEFS OF HAMBURG AND BREMEN TO RECONSIDER THEIR PLANS TO TRAVEL TO EAST BERLIN WHERE THEY PLAN TO ATTEND THE GDR'S CEREMONY MARKING BERLIN'S 750TH ANNIVERSARY (BERLINER MORGENPOST).

REVIEW - EAST PRESS

CHIEF ERICH HONECKER'S GREETINGS ON THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GDR-RUMANIAN TREATY ON FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG); THE LUSAKA WORLD CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING'S CALL FOR SUPPORT OF THE ANC AND SWAPO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (NEUE ZEIT); AND NEW PRODUCTION METHODS DEVELOPED BY THE GDR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE IN BERLIN-ADLERSHOF AND VARIOUS FACTORIES (BERLINER ZEITUNG AND ALL OTHERS).

. OTHER PROMINENT NEWS IS DEVASTATING WOOD FIRES IN CHINA'S NORTHEAST (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG); PROTEST AMONG WEST GERMAN ATHLETES OVER REPORTS THAT THE FRG COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE SERVICE MONITORS MEMBERS OF THE "ATHLETES FOR PEACE--AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS" ORGANIZATION (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG); A NORWEGIAN VICTORY IN THE BERLIN-PRAGUE-WARSAW BICYCLE RACE FOR PEACE (MOST PAPERS); A FRANKFURT/ODER SYMPOSIUM ON THE USE OF UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 USBERLIN 01758

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COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY WITH GDR ELECTRONICS MINISTER FELIX MEIER (BERLINER ZEITUNG); THE PLANNED ELECTRIFICATION OF THE BERLIN-STRALSUND RAILROAD BY LATE SEPTEMBER (NATIONAL ZEITUNG); EAST GERMAN FDGB LABOR UNION FEDERATION CHIEF HARRY TISCH'S VISIT TO MONGOLIA (MOST PAPERS); AND THE SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S GREETINGS TO THE 12TH GREEK CP CONGRESS (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND).

NEWS BRIEFS:

. SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS CRITICIZED THE FACT THAT FRENCH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND ON HIS VISIT TO WEST BERLIN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL FRG REPRESENTATIVES AS A "DELIBERATE VIOLATION" OF THE "QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN," AN AGREEMENT WHICH REMOVED A HOTBED OF TENSION IN EUROPE (ALL PAPERS).

. A DELEGATION OF THE WEST GERMAN SPD BUNDESTAG CAUCUS LED BY SPD BOARD MEMBER MARGITTA TERBORG HAD A DISCUSSION IN BERLIN MONDAY WITH EAST GERMAN FDJ YOUTH ORGANIZATION CHIEF EBERHARD AURICH. TERBORG POINTED TO EXTENSIVE AGREEMENT ON BASIC QUESTIONS OF DISARMAMENT AND THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN STATES (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG).

. A GROUP OF 14 EAST GERMAN YOUNG TOURISTS FOR THE FIRST TIME IS VISITING CANADA. THE TWO-WEEK TRIP WILL INCLUDE TORONTO, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, AND HALIFAX (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ET AL).

. A DELEGATION OF THE NORTH KOREAN MINISTRY FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY ON MONDAY CONCLUDED SEVERAL WEEKS OF STUDYING EXPERIENCES OF THE GDR AGENCY FOR NUCLEAR SECURITY AND PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ET AL).

. GDR PRINCIPAL DEPUTY PREMIER WERNER KROLIKOWSKI RECEIVED ON MONDAY ANGOLAN MINISTER FOR INSPECTION AND STATE CONTROL KUNDI PAIHAMA, WHO REPORTED ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND EXPRESSED THANKS FOR MANIFOLD GDR ASSISTANCE (MOST PAPERS).

COMMENTARY - WEST PRESS

PRESIDENT MITTERRAND IN BERLIN

PRO-SPD VOLKSBLATT BERLIN IN A PAGE-FOUR COMMENTARY SAYS: "AMONG THE THREE WESTERN VICTORIOUS POWERS, THE FRENCH ARE ALWAYS CONSIDERED AN INDICATOR AS CONCERNS THE ASSESSMENT OF STATUS QUESTIONS. THEREFORE, IT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING THAT FRANCOIS MITTERRAND WAS THE FIRST HEAD OF STATE AMONG THE WESTERN ALLIES TO VISIT FRG PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAECKER AT HIS BERLIN RESIDENCE, BELLEVUE PALACE. QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND AMERICAN PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL FOLLOW SUIT DURING THEIR STATE VISITS TO THE CITY WITHIN THE NEXT WEEKS.

. "THIS VISIT 'IS FULLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT', RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER COMMENTED AT THE EVENT. WE WILL SEE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WHETHER THE GERMANY EXPERTS IN THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTERY SHARE THIS VIEW...IT SEEMS MOSCOW'S SENSITIVITY IN MATTERS CONCERNING BERLIN STATUS QUESTIONS HAS INCREASED RECENTLY....

THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN IN A FRONTPAGE COMMENTARY SAYS: "ESPECIALLY THE FRENCH WITH INCORRUPTIBLE EXACTNESS RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING PAID ATTENTION THAT ALL INVOLVED PAINSTAKINGLY OBSERVE THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THIS NOT ONLY DISTURBED THE SOVIETS BUT ALSO REPEATEDLY PREVENTED BOLD GERMANS AND THE TWO OTHER WESTERN ALLIES FROM DEALING GENEROUSLY WITH DIFFICULT MATTERS. THE FACT THAT NOT EVEN A WEEK AFTER THE MOST RECENT EASTERN ATTACK ALLEGING VIOLATIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT (WHICH LED TO THE CANCELLATION OF DIEPGEN'S VISIT TO EAST BERLIN) THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC'S HOISTING THE OF FLAG IS VERY SIGNIFICANT.

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. "BERLIN IS STILL A CITY LIKE NO OTHER. IT NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUBSTANTIVE GESTURES. FOLLOWING THE HANGOVER CAUSED BY DIEPGEN'S INVITATION POLICY, MITTERRAND'S DEMONSTRATION OF FIRMNESS BROUGHT NEW FESTIVE BRILLIANCE TO THE CITY'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. THOSE WHO HAVE SUCH ALLIES CAN LOOK CALMLY TO THE FUTURE IN SPITE OF THE DIVISION, THE WALL, AND THE BARBED WIRE."

THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST IN A PAGE-TWO EDITORIAL SAYS: "MITTERRAND DEMONSTRATED HOW BERLIN'S TIES WITH THE FRG, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, NOT ONLY CAN BE MAINTAINED BUT ALSO DEVELOPED. MITTERRAND DID NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO GERMAN-GERMAN CONTACTS AS PLANNED BY THE GOVERNING MAYOR AND NOW BLUNTLY REJECTED BY EAST BERLIN. HE MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS ONLY WITH ALLIED BLESSINGS THAT SUCH STEPS PRESERVE SECURITY AND PROMISE SUCCESS.

COMMENTARY - EAST PRESS

CHANCES FOR A MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE

. PRO-SED BERLINER ZEITUNG, IN A LENGTHY PAGE-FOUR ARTICLE ON INCREASING SUPPORT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PLO, SAYS: "THE U.S. IS FACING A DILEMMA. IT HAD TO EXPERIENCE THAT ITS ATTEMPTS, UNSUCCESSFULLY RESUMED

BY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, TO FORCE AN IMPERIALIST SOLUTION VIA SEPARATE AGREEMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST NATIONS TURNED OUT AS A FIASCO FOR THE REPUTATION OF THE U.S. THE U.S. FEARS THAT A SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT AGREED UPON BY AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WOULD THWART PLANS FOR UNLIMITED HEGEMONY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEREFORE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CIRCLES ARE ENGAGED IN WRANGLING. THEIR WISH TO PREVENT USSR PARTICIPATION IN ANY MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE UNTENABLE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THEREFORE, PARTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE BETTING ON A CONFERENCE EXCLUDING THE PLO -- WHICH IS EQUALLY UNTENABLE."

BERLIN-BEIJING AIR SERVICE

. PRO-SED BERLINER ZEITUNG ON PAGE FOUR CARRIES A LENGTHY ARTICLE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF WEEKLY (EAST) BERLIN-BEIJING-BERLIN FLIGHTS IN THE RECORD TIME OF TEN HOURS. THE PAPER SAYS: "THIS FLIGHT IS A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES DURING RECENT YEARS. CONCURRENT WITH THAT, THERE WILL BE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF SPECIALISTS WHO WILL BE APPRECIATIVE OF THIS FAST AND SAFE CONNECTION WITH THEIR HOME COUNTRY.... TRAVELLERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO BE GREATLY INTERESTED IN THIS ASIAN-EUROPEAN CONNECTION." KORNBLUM

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